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Dear Pharmacy Permit and Registration Holders,

The contract for the creation and maintenance of New Jersey's prescription monitoring program (PMP), under P.L. 2007, c. 244 (N.J.S.A. 45:1-45 et seq.) has been awarded to Optimum Technology of Columbus Ohio. Pharmacies will be required to report information about prescriptions dispensed for Schedules II, III, IV and V controlled substances and Human Growth Hormone (HGH) in out-patient settings. Out-of-state pharmacies registered with the Board of Pharmacy that dispense HGH, Schedule II, III, IV or V drugs into New Jersey will also be required to report.

All permitted and registered pharmacies will be required to report information about prescriptions for CDS or HGH at least twice a month in the American Society for Automation in Pharmacy (ASAP) 4.0/2007 or ASAP4.1/2009 format. In August, you will receive a letter from Optimum Technology containing your log-in credentials. Your pharmacy should arrange with your software vendor to adapt your system to be capable of reporting to the PMP in the specified format as soon as possible. The first mandatory data reporting period covers September 1 to September 15, 2011, and the data must be submitted by September 25th. Although there may be changes in the unique identifier for prescription blanks (currently batch and serial number), do not wait to adapt your system.

The Division will host a meeting, accessible by the web, on July 21, 2011, to provide you an opportunity to ask questions and exchange information with the Division and Optimum Technology. We have prepared a Data Collection Manual for pharmacies that includes requirements, procedures and the reporting schedule. The manual and details about participating in the July 21st meeting in-person or electronically via the web are available on our web site at www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/pmp. If your pharmacy does not have access to the Internet, please contact Optimum Technology (1-866-683-2476) for a copy of the Data Collection Manual.

The PMP System will accept controlled substance and HGH prescription data, by any one of the following five methods:

1. Pharmacies may submit ASAP 4.0/2007 and ASAP 4.1/2009 format files through the website www.njrxreport.com.
2. Pharmacies may submit ASAP 4.0/2007 and ASAP 4.1/2009 format files on diskette or CD by mail.
3. Pharmacies, chain pharmacies and software vendors may submit ASAP 4.0/2007 format and ASAP 4.1/2009 format files through FTPS connection. If your pharmacy would like to submit data this way, please email Optimum Technology at njrxreport@otech.com for account and connection information.

4. Pharmacies that do not have software to create ASAP format files may submit data using the industry standard Universal Claim form available on the Data Collection web site at www.njrxreport.com.
5. If a pharmacy dispenses no prescriptions in schedule II, III, IV and V or HGH during a reporting period, a “zero” report must be submitted. This can be done through the web at www.njrxreport.com.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Optimum Technology’s support team at:

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